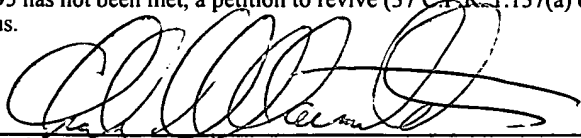


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TRANSMITTAL LETTER TO THE UNITED STATES DESIGNATED/ELECTED OFFICE (DO/EO/US) CONCERNING A FILING UNDER 35 U.S.C. 371				DATE: June 14, 2006	
INTERNATIONAL APPLICATION NO. PCT/JP2004/004573				INTERNATIONAL FILING DATE March 30, 2004	
PRIORITY DATE CLAIMED March 31, 2003					
TITLE OF INVENTION: DISPOSAL METHOD OF ORGANIC MATTER UTILIZING SOLID/LIQUID TWO-PHASE CIRCULATION METHOD					
APPLICANT(S) FOR DO/EO/US: Norio NAGAO (Tokyo, Japan); Tatsushi MATSUYAMA (Tokyo, Japan); and Tatsuki TODA (Tokyo, Japan)					
Applicant herewith submits to the United States Designated/Elected Office (DO/EO/US) the following items and other information:					
1. <input type="checkbox"/> This is a FIRST submission of items concerning a filing under 35 U.S.C. 371.					
2. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> This is a SECOND or SUBSEQUENT submission of items concerning a filing under 35 U.S.C. 371.					
3. <input type="checkbox"/> This is an express request to begin national examination procedures (35 U.S.C. 371(f)). The submission must include items (5), (6), (9) and (21) indicated below.					
4. <input type="checkbox"/> The U.S. has been elected (Article 31).					
5. <input type="checkbox"/> A copy of the International Application as filed [35 U.S.C. 371(c)(2)]					
a. <input type="checkbox"/> is attached hereto (required only if not transmitted by the International Bureau).					
b. <input type="checkbox"/> has been communicated by the International Bureau.					
c. <input type="checkbox"/> is not required, as the application was filed in the United States Receiving Office (RO/US).					
6. <input type="checkbox"/> An English language translation of the International Application into English [35 U.S.C. 371(c)(2)].					
a. <input type="checkbox"/> is attached hereto.					
b. <input type="checkbox"/> has been previously submitted under 35 U.S.C. 154(d)(4).					
7. <input type="checkbox"/> Amendments to the claims of the International Application under PCT Article 19 [35 U.S.C. 371(c)(3)]					
a. <input type="checkbox"/> are attached hereto (required only if not transmitted by the International Bureau).					
b. <input type="checkbox"/> have been communicated by the International Bureau.					
c. <input type="checkbox"/> have not been made; however, the time limit for making such amendments has NOT expired.					
d. <input type="checkbox"/> have not been made and will not be made.					
8. <input type="checkbox"/> An English language translation of the amendments to the claims under PCT Article 19 [35 U.S.C. 371(c)(3)].					
9. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> An oath or declaration of the inventor(s) [35 U.S.C. 371(c)(4)].					
10. <input type="checkbox"/> An English language translation of the annexes to the International Preliminary Examination Report under PCT Article 36 [35 U.S.C. 371(c)(5)].					
Items 11 to 20 below concern other document(s) or information included:					
11. <input type="checkbox"/> An Information Disclosure Statement under 37 C.F.R. 1.97 and 1.98; and PTO-SB08 Form; References ().					
12. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> An assignment document for recording. A separate cover sheet in compliance with 37 C.F.R. 3.28 and 3.31 is included.					
13. <input type="checkbox"/> A preliminary amendment.					
14. <input type="checkbox"/> An Application Data Sheet under 37 CFR 1.76.					
15. <input type="checkbox"/> A substitute specification.					
16. <input type="checkbox"/> A power of attorney and/or change of address letter.					
17. <input type="checkbox"/> A computer-readable form of the sequence listing in accordance with PCT Rule 13ter.2 and 37 CFR 1.821 - 1.825.					
18. <input type="checkbox"/> A second copy of the published international application under 35 U.S.C. 154(d)(4).					
19. <input type="checkbox"/> A second copy of the English language translation of the international application under 35 U.S.C. 154(d)(4).					
20. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other items or information: Copy of Notification of Missing Requirements dated June 1, 2006					

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The following fees are submitted:				CALCULATIONS	PTO USE ONLY
21. <input type="checkbox"/> Basic National Fee		\$300.00		\$	
22. <input type="checkbox"/> Examination Fee If International Preliminary Examination Report prepared by USPTO and all claims satisfy provisions of PCT Article 33(1)-(4)		\$100.00		\$	
All other situations		\$200.00			
23. <input type="checkbox"/> Search Fee Search Fee (37 CFR 1.445(a)(2)) has been paid on the International Application to the USPTO as an International Searching Authority		\$100.00		\$	
International Search Report prepared and provided to the Office		\$400.00			
All other situations		\$500.00			
TOTAL OF CALCULATIONS FOR 21, 22 and 23 =				\$	
<input type="checkbox"/> Additional fee for specification and drawings filed in paper over 100 sheets (excluding sequence listing or computer program listing filed in an electronic medium). The fee is \$250 for each additional 50 sheets of paper or fraction thereof.					
Total Sheets	Extra Sheets	Number of each additional 50 or fraction thereof (round up to a whole number)	Rate		
- 100 =	/50 =		x \$250.00	\$	
Surcharge of \$130.00 for furnishing the oath or declaration later than <input type="checkbox"/> 20 <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 30 months from the earliest claimed priority date [37 C.F.R. 1.492(e)].				\$	130.00
Claims	Number Filed	Number Extra	Rate		
Total Claims	- 20 =		x \$ 50.00	\$	
Independent Claims	- 3 =		x \$200.00	\$	
Multiple dependent claim(s) (if applicable)			+ \$360.00	\$	
TOTAL OF ABOVE CALCULATIONS =				\$	130.00
Reduction by one-half for filing by small entity, if applicable. Small entity status under 37 C.F.R. §§1.9 and 1.27 is hereby claimed. -				\$	65.00
SUBTOTAL =				\$	65.00
Processing fee of \$130.00 for furnishing the English translation later the <input type="checkbox"/> 20 <input type="checkbox"/> 30 months from the earliest claimed priority date [37 C.F.R. 1.492(f)]. +				\$	
TOTAL NATIONAL FEE =				\$	65.00
Fee for recording the enclosed assignment [37 C.F.R. 1.21(h)]. The assignment must be accompanied by an appropriate cover sheet (37 C.F.R. 3.28, 3.31). \$40.00 per property +				\$	40.00
TOTAL FEES ENCLOSED =				\$	105.00
05/19/2005 GFREY1 00000117 10550409 01 C:2617				Amount to be refunded	\$
				Charged	\$
a. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Check # <u>447861</u> in the amount of \$ <u>65.00</u> to cover the above fees is enclosed. b. <input type="checkbox"/> Please charge my Deposit Account No. 01-2300 in the amount of \$ _____ to cover the above fee. A duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed. c. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees which may be required, or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 01-2300.					
NOTE: Where an appropriate time limit under 37 C.F.R. 1.494 or 1.495 has not been met, a petition to revive (37 C.F.R. 1.137(a) or (b)) must be filed and granted to restore the application to pending status.					
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NOTIFICATION OF MISSING REQUIREMENTS UNDER 35 U.S.C. 371 IN THE UNITED STATES DESIGNATED/ELECTED OFFICE (DO/EO/US)

The following items have been submitted by the applicant or the IB to the United States Patent and Trademark Office as a Designated / Elected Office (37 CFR 1.495).

- Indication of Small Entity Status
- Copy of the International Application filed on 09/23/2005
- English Translation of the IA filed on 09/23/2005
- Copy of the International Search Report filed on 09/23/2005
- Preliminary Amendments filed on 09/23/2005
- Information Disclosure Statements filed on 09/23/2005
- Request for Immediate Examination filed on 09/23/2005
- U.S. Basic National Fees filed on 09/23/2005
- Priority Documents filed on 09/23/2005
- Specification filed on 09/23/2005
- Claims filed on 09/23/2005
- Abstracts filed on 09/23/2005
- Drawings filed on 09/23/2005

The applicant needs to satisfy supplemental fees problems indicated below.

The following items **MUST** be furnished within the period set forth below in order to complete the requirements for acceptance under 35 U.S.C. 371:

- Oath or declaration of the inventors, in compliance with 37 CFR 1.497(a) and (b), identifying the application by the International application number and international filing date.
- To avoid abandonment, a surcharge (for late submission of filing fee, search fee, examination fee or oath or declaration) as set forth in 37 CFR 1.492(h) of \$65 for a small entity in compliance with 37 CFR 1.27, must be submitted with the missing items identified in this letter.

SUMMARY OF FEES DUE:

Total additional fees required for this application is \$65 for a Small Entity:

- \$65 Surcharge.

ALL OF THE ITEMS SET FORTH ABOVE MUST BE SUBMITTED WITHIN TWO (2) MONTHS FROM THE DATE OF THIS NOTICE OR BY 32 MONTHS FROM THE PRIORITY DATE FOR THE APPLICATION, WHICHEVER IS LATER. FAILURE TO PROPERLY RESPOND WILL RESULT IN ABANDONMENT.

The time period set above may be extended by filing a petition and fee for extension of time under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a).

Applicant is reminded that any communications to the United States Patent and Trademark Office must be mailed to the address given in the heading and include the U.S. application no. shown above (37 CFR 1.5)

*A copy of this notice **MUST** be returned with the response.*

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